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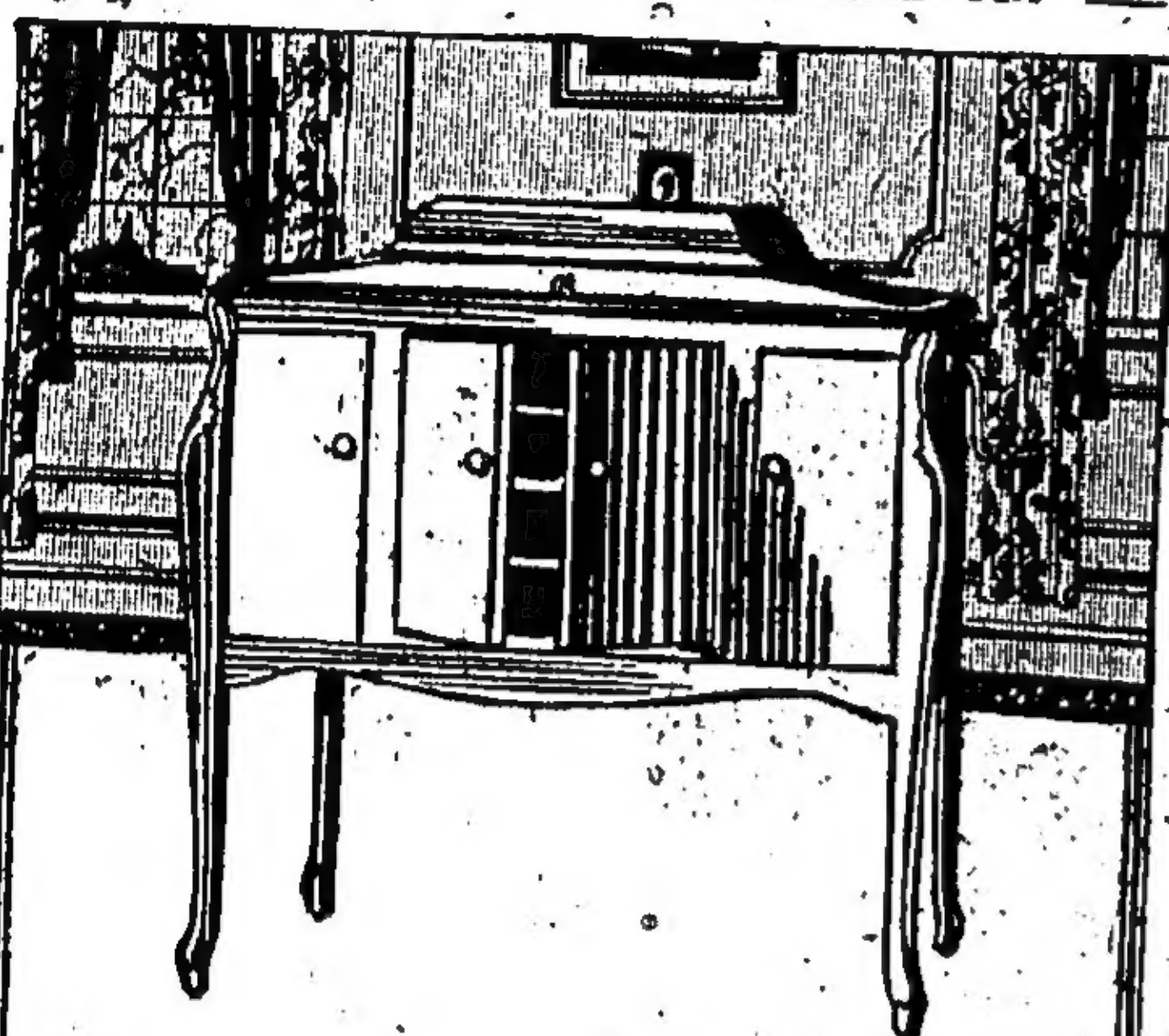
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RUHR OCCUPATION.

AMERICAN COAL FOR GERMANY.

NOAFOLK (VIRGINIA), March 6.
Two steamers are going to Germany this week with cargoes of coal and it is understood a third has been chartered for the same purpose.

FRENCH KEEPING ARMY UP.

PARIS, March 6.
The Cabinet has decided to keep the 1921 class with the colours until May 31. Ordinarily the class would be released in April. It is understood that voluntary enlistments and re-enlistments for six months are favoured.

THE TRANSPORT QUESTION.

In the House of Commons, replying to Col. Wedgwood, Mr. Ronald McNeill said the railway on the right bank of the Rhine through the British occupied zone would be retained under British control. Proposals for a final settlement of the transport question in the British zone which was still the subject of negotiations did not provide for any French control of the railways in the British zone.

TROUBLE EXTENDS.

CONLIGER, March 6.
The Rhineland Commission has ordered 120 fresh expulsions including 24 railway, 38 postal and 25 customs officials.

SWABURG, March 6.

The German railway staff between Appenweier and Kehl having refused to aid despatch of trains carrying railway material the French ordered the cessation of all work. Troops immediately occupied the stations and lines.

BERLIN, March 6.

It is stated that Wippenfurth was occupied in the morning by French cavalry which then proceeded with other detachments in the direction of Gemmelbach.

CHANCELOIR CUNO'S PROTEST.

BERLIN, March 6.
The recent French action in the occupied territory was hotly denounced in the Reichstag by Herr Cuno who declared that the latest advances in the Rhineland were embarked on a trivial pretext. He asserted that Germany was layed up to an almost intolerable tension and warned the world that a terrible danger arose. He contrasted the easy French assurance that the occupation of the Ruhr would not be of a military but political character with the reality of the situation pointing out that the French were employing five divisions of troops, seventy-five tanks and a hundred aeroplanes. He quoted figures showing that over a thousand German officials and six hundred police were expelled while seventy-three of the former were court-martialled and sentenced for keeping oaths of loyalty.

He alleged that rigorous hardships were inflicted on the condemned men and other brutal treatment which greatly excited and angered the Reichstag. Further figures were quoted showing that the French had only received 74,000 tons of coal and no timber since the occupation instead of 2,000,000 tons and 74,000 cubic feet respectively. He concluded with an emphatic declaration that Germany would carry on a passive resistance until she attained her goal—a reasonable, free and honest understanding.

BOXER INDEMNITY.

MONEY HELD IN SUSPENSE.

RENDITION OF WEIHAWEI.

LONDON, March 17.
In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Walter de Frece, Mr. Ronald McNeill stated that instalments of the Boxer indemnity were being paid into a suspense account pending further decisions in regard to the disposal of the funds. The question of what machinery should be established to deal with the allocation of funds was being considered.

He also stated the Government were considering reports from British delegates to the Anglo-Chinese Joint Commission which preliminarily investigated the conditions on which WeihaWei should be returned to China. There had been no unnecessary delay in this regard.

OBITUARY.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO PARIS.

MUNICH, March 6.
The death has occurred of Herr Mayer, German Ambassador to Paris which he left at the outset of the Ruhr operations.

DANISH QUEEN'S OPERATION.

COPENHAGEN, March 6.

BRITAIN AND RUHR.

BONAR LAW TALKS.

LONDON, March 6.
During the Commons debate on a Labour motion relative to the Ruhr Mr. Bonar Law reaffirmed that the Government believed that intervention momentarily would be regarded as a hostile act by France because though she was suffering heavy loss in consequence of the occupation of the Ruhr she knew Germany was suffering more. He emphasised, however, that settlement of reparations was a question not for France and Belgium alone but for Europe wherein we were interested and must have a voice.

The anxiety the Ruhr expedition was causing was fully shared by the Government. He was certain French statesmen believed that despite what had happened the pressure would have effect on Germany and while they held that view he thought it useless to offer mediation. The inevitable result of the reasoning of many of the speakers in the debate would seem to be to prepare for the possibility of enforcing our will on France by war. He did not believe for a moment that any French statesman was seriously contemplating a European bloc that left us out. The motion was talked out.

INDIAN ARMY REDUCTIONS.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S VIEWS.

DELHI, March 6.
During the Legislative Assembly budget debate Sir B. R. Banerjee announced that the Imperial Government had accepted the "immediate reduction" of the infantry but the proposals in regard to cavalry and artillery were still being considered. He could not accept the idea that the cost of the army could ever be reduced to fifty crores of rupees and could not admit that the army was too strong or too efficient for the needs of the country. Its equipment had not yet reached the completeness which the Assembly resolved on the Mahar report but the army was very efficient at present. He fully recognised the paramount importance of balancing the budget, hence he advised the Government to take the risk of the fundamental organisation of the army of India. Reduction was largely possible because the external and internal situation was much improved.

ELECTRICITY FROM THE AIR.

HUNGARIAN ENGINEER'S DISCOVERY.

BUDAPEST, March 6.
A young Hungarian engineer named Duxoff has invented an apparatus for extracting electric current from the air without expense. The chief feature of the device is a mast similar to those used in wireless telegraphy. The electric energy gained from the air varies according to the height of the mast. He claims to be able to reach forty thousand volts at a height of nine hundred feet. Several houses have been fitted with the apparatus and it is observed that the current is strongest at noon and weakest at midnight. The Government is placing a workshop at the disposal of the inventor.

STILL A MEMBER.

ARGENTINA AND L. O. N.

Buenos Aires, March 6.
In the Chamber the Foreign Minister declared that the withdrawal of the Argentine delegation from the League of Nations Assembly in 1920 did not mean that Argentina no longer belonged to the League. Argentina intended to pay up her arrears of contributions to the League.

SUN SHINES THROUGH CLOUD.

RUHR FOR MALACCA RUBBER ISSUE.

LONDON, March 6.
The Malacca Rubber issue was over-subscribed ten times, largely owing to the relatively low price of rubber. The Times points out that the result is a remarkable instance of a changed sentiment from the gloom surrounding the rubber market until a few months ago.

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CONSTANTINOPLE, March 6.

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Comprising:—

Chest-of-drawers and armchairs, Brass fenders, fire brasses, Leather covered armchairs, Roll top desks, Fine set curtains, card tables, Mirrors, Bookcases, Brasses, Brasses and Ornaments, Carpets, Rugs, etc.

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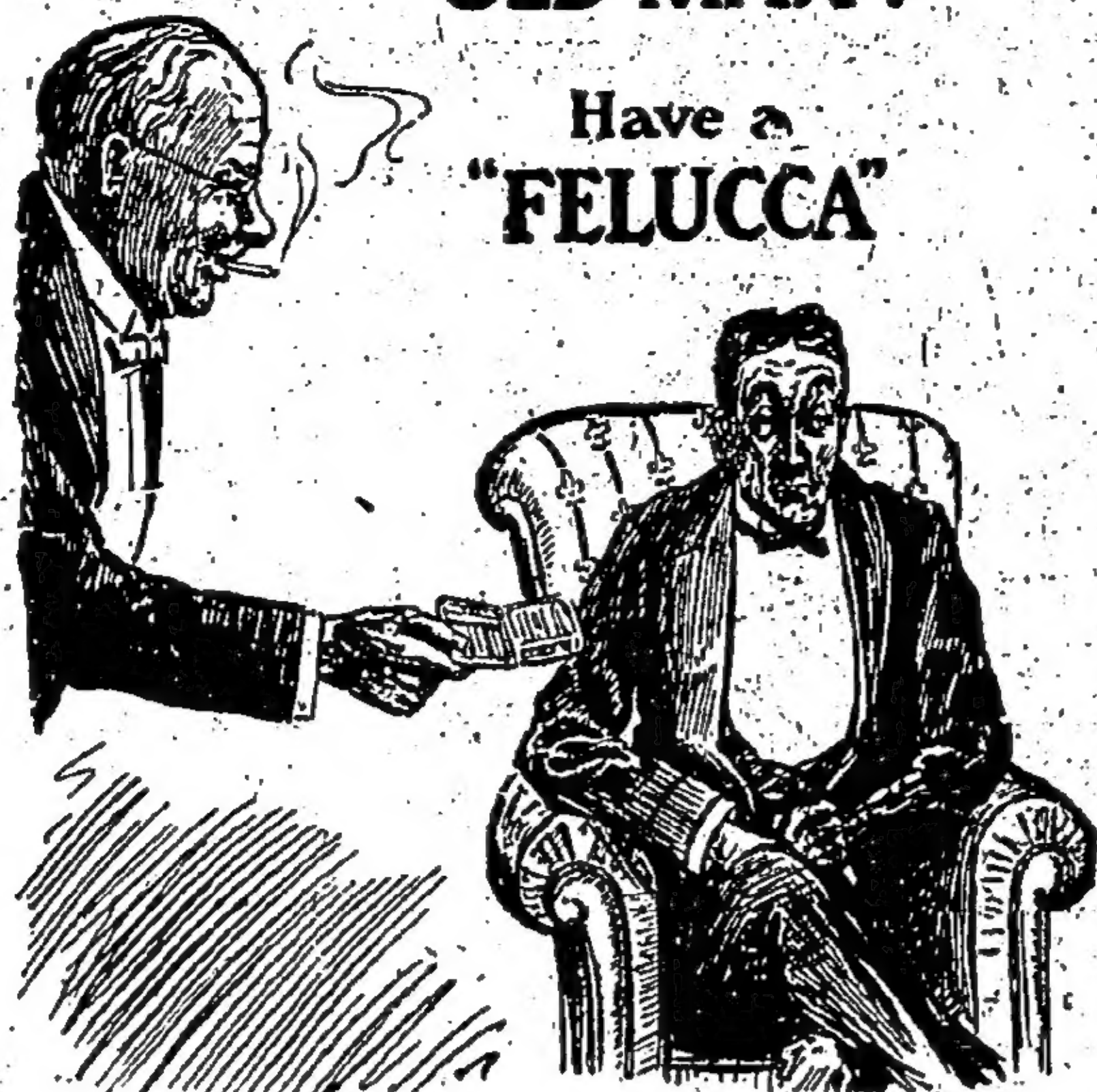
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BACK FROM THE JUNGLE

FINDS IN NEW CALEDONIA.

LINKS WITH OTHER RACES.

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According to Mr. Arthur J. Vogan, F.R.G.S., the well-known traveller and ethnologist, who has been studying this and kindred subjects for many years, it is possible that among the earliest inhabitants of the continent were an Asiatic people belonging to the same family as the Phenicians—the "ruddy folk" who, emanating somewhere in the neighbourhood of the Malay Peninsula, moved gradually westward till they finally settled on the Syrian shore of the Mediterranean. As these people were little, if any, darker than the present Spaniard or Italian, a fresh interest is lent to the rumours that have been caught from time to time among the natives of a "white race" existing in the still unexplored recesses of New Guinea, where also the strangers may naturally have settled.

DRUNK ON COFFEE.

That, however, is a digression from Mr. Vogan's discoveries. For nearly a year past he has been wandering in the neutral regions of New Caledonia, a.d. to quote his own words, "in New Caledonia we have, in my opinion, a whole new field of archaeological interest linking up Asia, the Pacific, and America." Hundreds of miles were traversed among natives, who, hostile to the French, their masters—gladly assisted him on learning that he was English. Forty years or so ago Englishmen were found fighting on the side of the tribes, who were then in open revolt, and the natives have never forgotten the fact. On one occasion Mr. Vogan's dusky allies had an orgy—on coffee! One would hardly suspect coffee of being so potent a fluid, but the condition of the natives left no possible doubt on the subject. At one result of his explorations, Mr. Vogan has just made a presentation to the Sydney Museum of a large and highly valuable collection of carvings and other objects, including the first collection of lepidoptera to reach Sydney from New Caledonia.

Hidden away in the heart of the jungle, carved on precipitous cliffs, slippery as glass, and

overgrown with an almost impenetrable mass of lantana, Mr. Vogan discovered the strange symbols of a long-forgotten race. There were crosses, double and single, apparently the sign manuals of different tribes, who had thus defined their respective boundaries; serpents identical with those already well known in places as far apart as India and Central America; sun-symbols, such as one found in Mexico, and were used in the pre-Buddhist cults of ancient China. One photograph, taken on the spot, clearly shows the familiar symbol of the Tree of Life—one of the oldest symbols in the world. Thousands of years before Christ it figured continually upon tombs in Egypt; it is frequently found in the sculptured monuments of Assyria and Chaldea; it is a common motive in the wonderful carpets of Persia, some of which are generation in the making as Yggdrasil, the World-Ash, was celebrated in the sagas of primitive Scandinavia; and the Christmas tree and the "Three of Jesse" pictured so often in old church windows, are both probably sprung from the same primeval root as the tree rudely sculptured long ago on a rock in a savage Pacific island!

INVADERS FROM ASIA.

Like the so-called "aboriginal" carvings in Australia, with which they have much in common, these most interesting carvings are always found in proximity to water, or, at any rate, to where water had once been, and are related to what Mr. Vogan has christened "the running water cult." This cult, which looks upon running water as the ultimate source of all life, is originally found in China, the cradle, in his opinion, of most of these very early beliefs. That the Australian carvings have anything in their origin to do with the aborigines he entirely disbelieves.

At Kuning-gai Chase, for example, are carvings recognisable as the well-known Chinese symbol of the flying goose, which typifies rain. At Woy Woy are carved the unmistakable figures of rabbits or hares, which were unknown in this country until 1838, whereas the hare is a symbol of the Moon all over Asia, and has been so from the earliest times. Carvings such as these could, therefore, only have been made, not by aborigines, but by foreign settlers from Asia, bringing their old beliefs with them. It is quite possible that the aboriginal superstition of a "Banyan" or evil spirit haunting swamps and water-holes, may be an obscure descendant from this far-off and forgotten time.

HARD OF HEAR.

These ancient immigrants followed a hazy development of the "running water cult" than their cousins in New Caledonia, who were possibly more "High Church." At all events the latter employed the "cock's comb" symbol, the emblem of the "Bird of Life," as the cock was called from its habit of saluting the dawn. This symbol is fully 6900 years old, and is found even in Mexico and Yucatan, often side by side with the so-called "Christian" crosses, which are, of course, really sun symbols. What is still more strange, one may clearly trace, says Mr. Vogan, in the head-dresses of the priests in New Caledonia, or representation of the head, trunk and ears of an elephant, although there are, of course, no such animals in the island. The reason is that this symbol has come originally from Asia, whence it has spread right across the Pacific to America. Conclusive proof of this is found in the fact that figures of elephants saluting the newly-risen sun are to be seen both on the Jalapa temple in Bepotans, and on Maya temples in Yucatan in Central America.

JEWELLERY IN CHINA.

WHAT WOMEN ARE WEARING.

All who know China will scarcely need to be reminded that jewellery, which is a passion common to women the world over, in China an obsession with all classes. The favourite stone is green jade, but blue and white varieties are also greatly worn, states a writer in the Daily Telegraph. Rubies, sapphires, emeralds, and pearls are esteemed highly, whilst Chinese buyers have been keenly interested over the "cultivated pearls" of recent Japanese discovery, and many women are as well-pleased with these as with those that they know as "the pure teardrop." The style in jewellery has undergone change of late. During recent years the heavy, old-fashioned Chinese style of jewellery is not much seen, except in the remote country provinces. Westernised students have influenced their brides to wear less ornaments and adopt "foreign fashion." This is a great advantage, as under the old regime a Chinese lady was a walking jeweller's shop, and looked anything but attractive, except to her own envious women friends! Those unable to display so many costly jewels at a public function were treated with scorn, so that present-day fashions at the ports have resulted in a kinder spirit amongst the upper-class ladies in China. Thus they are unconsciously practising the maxim of their Great Sage, "Manners and courtesy are the finest jewels to be found in the universe."

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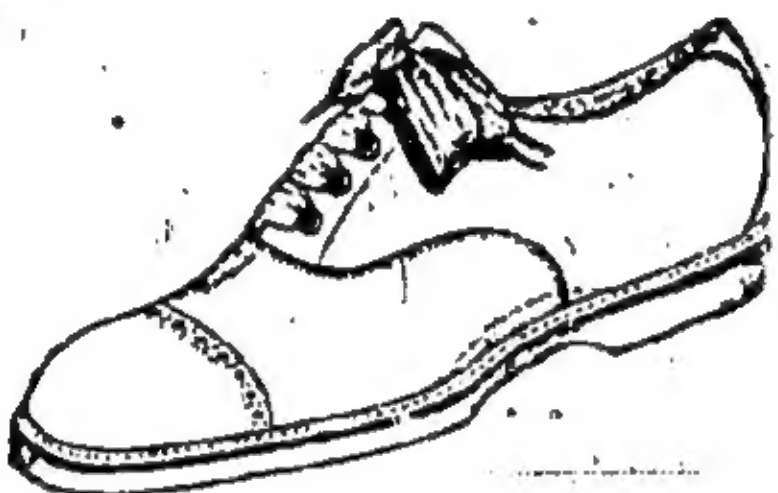
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DEATHS.

FRIEDMAN.—On March 1, 1923, at Shanghai, Annie Friedman, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Friedman, aged 1 month.

LARSEN.—On February 27, 1923, at Shanghai, Martha, beloved wife of C. T. Larsen, aged 35 years.

The China Mail

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1923.

ACROSS THE POLE.

Road Amundsen, yesterday's cables report, has now completed his plans for a flight across the North Pole. He expects to start at the end of June, flying from Point Barrow, Alaska's northernmost cape, to Spitzbergen, a distance of 1,800 miles. First to reach the South Pole and second to navigate the North-East Passage, the great Norwegian explorer hopes to make this new undertaking the crowning achievement of his career. And indeed, unless the manifold perils prove too great, he will have accomplished a voyage fit to rank with the world's epic feats, for his plan has been described as the greatest venture into the unknown since Columbus set out from the shores of Spain.

Polar exploration has many heroic tales to tell—who will ever forget Scott's undying story or Shackleton's deathless fame?—but not since Andre, a Swedish engineer, tried to discover the North Pole twenty-five years ago by means of a specially constructed balloon, has such a daring plan as Amundsen's been tried. Striking right across the "Unknown Region," which Stefansson describes as "The Zone of Comparative Inaccessibility," Amundsen must, unless he is able to do, keep his aeroplane going steadily for eighteen hours. Accompanied by two pilots—one a Canadian army aviator and the other a Norwegian airman—he will carry enough gasoline for twenty hours. This item alone will weigh two tons and there will also

be oil, food, cameras and scientific instruments. However, experts affirm that flying conditions in the Arctic are ideal in the summer time, and, we are told, in the latitude of Point Barrow the sun never sets between May 9 and August 4. Other advantages are the constancy of the prevailing north-easterly winds and the presence of large icefields which tend to keep the surface of the sea comparatively smooth. Amundsen's plans have never been widely announced, but according to Mr. Burt McConnell, the American Arctic explorer, it is expected he will utilize both a monoplane and a biplane to transport fuel supplies to a spot on the ice approximately 600 miles north of Point Barrow. Having determined the latitude and longitude of the cache, he will return to shore. The biplane will become a scout for Amundsen's ship the "Maud" which will then sail to the north-westward until she is stopped by the Arctic pack, and will there permit the ice to close in about her. "In this fashion, with a mere handful of men as a crew, the 'Maud' will begin what what may become a five-year drift over the Pole to Spitzbergen—or a drift to her doom within six months." Meanwhile, Amundsen, with his two pilots will set out for the oil fuel cache. Whether he will find it, Mr. McConnell explains, depends upon the winds and currents, for these have been known to move icefields as much as forty miles in a single day. Having replenished supplies and overhauled the motor, Amundsen will begin his flight to Spitzbergen flying eighty miles an hour. However, should he find weather and ice conditions favourable, he might, Mr. McConnell understands, land at the North Pole to take observations.

What results will Amundsen's perilous voyage produce, apart from writing another heroic chapter in the history of human endeavour? Experts believe that an extensive land mass lies within the unknown area between Alaska and the Pole. Assuming they are right, and assuming Amundsen is able, from his aeroplane high above, to glimpse this

hypothetical continent, will this new land repay finding? Mr. Connell is dubious. It is not likely, he thinks, that this area would be inhabited, nor could the discoverer expect to find rich coal deposits as in Spitzbergen, or copper, such as Stefansson found on Victoria Island. But the expedition can produce good results apart from the discovery of material wealth, for "to know whether or not land does exist in this area, and to what extent, would be of considerable value to science, because it is of quite as much importance to know that land does not exist in this area as that it does exist." And at that we must leave it until Amundsen has sought the answer and braved the unknown. Whatever value his perilous task have for science, the story of his attempt, successful or unsuccessful, cannot fail to stir the public imagination. The world will therefore follow his fortunes with the closest interest and hope that complete success will crown his sporting venture.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Three Chinese cases of small-pox were reported yesterday, one from Victoria and the other two from Kowloon.

Mr. Julian Arnold, American Commercial Attaché is expected to leave San Francisco for Shanghai about April 5, according to word received here.

The Rev. G. R. and Mrs. Lindsay leave for Home by the "Empress of Asia" on March 22nd. During Mr. Lindsay's absence, the Rev. H. S. Bailey will be in charge at St. Andrew's Church.

A disastrous fire has occurred at Chungking rendering thousands homeless. The China Inland Mission headquarters at Shanghai has received a telegraphic appeal for funds to relieve the distress.

EDUCATION OF BRITISH CHILDREN. DON'T FORGET TOMORROW'S PUBLIC MEETING. CITY HALL 5.30 P.M.

The R. A. Athletic meeting will be held on the 22nd and 23rd at the U. S. R. C. ground, Kowloon. A mile race open to the Services and British residents has been fixed for 3.20 p.m. on the last day.

The forthcoming weddings are announced of Mr. Robert Spiers Logan, Assistant Engineer of the Public Works Department, to Miss Jessie Jacks, of No. 1, Canton Villas, Kowloon; and of Captain Innes Chalmers, of the s.s. "Nairang," to Miss Margaret Piper, editress, of New York.

Dr. H. Lechmere Clift, of Nanjing, who has been in Peking for many months past, has come to Hongkong to take charge of the Matilda Hospital, during the absence of Dr. J. H. Sanders, who leaves for England to-day on a short visit in consequence of the recent death of his father.

A Chinese recently arrested in Shanghai and suspected of implication in the "Sui An" piracy was released last week. In a house in the French Concession, Det. Inspector Willis found a small armory and other incriminating articles but the suspect was not identified at any of the parades held here. As no evidence can be produced against him, he has been returned to Shanghai.

It is announced that the Royal Marine officers of the H.M.S. "Hawkins," flagship of Admiral Sir A. C. Leveson, Com-in-Chief, China Station, when the recommissioning, will be Major and Brevet Lieut-Col. R. H. Darwell, R.M.L.I., who has been in the ship since last August; and Capt. R. W. Bagot, R.M.L.I., now at the Deal Depot, who will replace Lieut. K. E. Previtt, R.M.L.I.

It will be learned with very general regret that the N. O. Daily News that Mr. M. O. Liddell has resigned his position as Secretary of the Municipal Council and will be going home. Mr. Liddell entered the Council's service in 1915 in accordance to Mr. W. F. Leveson. He has proved himself a most able Secretary and has made many friends not less among his colleagues than in the community at large. They will all be very sorry to hear of his approaching departure.

CUT THE CARDS.

[TOM WRIGHT STUFF.]

HONOLULU.

Englishmen, says Schopenhauer, entertain a peculiar contempt for degradation, and look upon it as something vulgar and undignified. This seems to me (he goes on) a silly prejudice on their part, and the outcome of their general prudery. For here we have a language which nature has given to everyone, and which everyone understands, and to do away with and forbid it for no better reason than that it is opposed to that much-lauded thing, gentlemanly convention, in a very questionable proceeding.

For the intellect of Schopenhauer I have great respect. He was one of our really great thinkers. So, though he was a German, and I am an Englishman, I am willing to ponder that accusation with an open mind, and ready to admit its truth if I find it true. Instead of suspecting racial prejudice in him (which may have existed, and I believe did) I am carefully remembering that my impulse to quarrel with that jester at us may be due to racial prejudice in myself. If this be so, it will betray itself in the course of my argument, which may then be discounted or wholly dismissed.

I disclose at once the thought I had in reading that passage. It struck me as inconsistent. Unless I have misunderstood him, Schopenhauer teaches that the superior man is one who regards life objectively, and subordinates will to intellect. I recall that he quotes Ovid's "non est tanti," and Plato's aphorism that nothing in human affairs is worth any great anxiety. I would remind him that Englishmen—especially of the class that scorns degradation—read the classics too. This German it was who first vivified for me the idea that the emotional man is "common," small, a Martha among men, earnest about trivialities, while the great are unemotional and observant.

Now I am far from claiming that Englishmen are great in this sense; but is it not right to suggest, that in forbidding display of emotion as bad form, they are trying to be? If they industriously and scrupulously seem superior to their emotions, they are on the natural way to be so. They practise, in the literal sense of the verb, Schopenhauer's own teaching.

To be earnest and strenuous, he told us, was the immanent and common view of life, held by small men. To free intellect from the mere service of the will, and let it contemplate life dispassionately, so to see its vain and futile character, is (he said) the attitude of the great man. (Bingo—I might as well—he was a great man, and conscious of it. This would be unworthy. I agree, indeed, with his own remark that "modesty in people of only moderate ability is mere honesty; but in those who possess great talent it would be hypocrisy.")

There is nothing strange in the fact that a hard-worked intellect should arrive at pessimism. Pessimism comes to meet such half way. It is strange, however, if the pessimist be content to go on living in that "great" way, aloof, indifferent. What happens is this, that either he commits suicide, or dismisses the discovery from mind by plunging wholeheartedly into the "common" or "small" way.

It will help our understanding to descend from the general to particulars, from abstract to concrete. I have learned some psychology at the Bridge table. It is a good place to study human nature, although I should perhaps warn you that such study will spoil your Bridge. I am a better psychologist than a Bridge player.

I recall one man who dined "post-mortem" and all discussion of the game. He frequently announced that he played to pass the time, and didn't care whether he won or lost. I hated him heartily.

Searching my heart to learn why I should hate him, I decided that it was because he posed as superior. I also played to pass the time; but when I played I wanted to win. I wanted most fervently to win. Was it possible I was this man's inferior? An uncomfortable and distasteful thought.

Enquiring further of myself, I found that the loss of money did not trouble me. At half-cent points, and with my income what it was, my losses were a matter of indifference, forgotten almost immediately. My occasional gains made absolutely no difference to my spending. Then why did I desire so much to win, and why was I chagrined when I lost? Could I not emulate this superior man's aloofness and indifference? I tried. I found that by keeping my mind on it I could do it, and be absolutely indifferent. But I found that there was now no pleasure in the game.

I no longer felt the exhilaration of scoring a no-trump hand, nor the joy of finding length in Spades, nor the depression of spirit that comes with a Yarborough. I found myself yawning, and looking at the time. I had the thought that I was sitting at that table as a perpetual

SATURDAY'S DOG SHOW.

CANINES AND CATS.

DUP POULTRY AND PIGEONS LACKING.

The dog, cat, poultry and pigeon show which is to take place at the Headquarters of the Hongkong Defence Corps on Saturday will be well worth a visit for close upon a hundred animals will be on view.

Already 95 entries have been received for the exhibition of dogs while seven cats will also be on show. Evidently the poultry and pigeon section does not appeal and unless more entries are made to day when the entry list closes that section of the show will be cancelled.

Organised by the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals the show promises to be one of the best yet held in the Colony. The last show which the Society ran was held in 1910 but the entries then no where near approached the number of entries that have been handed in for Saturday.

Up to the present the classified entries are as follows:—Fox terriers, 10, Bull Dogs 7, Airedales 3, Bull Terriers 2, Boston Bull Terriers 2, Boston Bull Terrier 1, Chow, 5, Pointers 4, Setters 2, Crossbreeds 12, Japanese 6, Pekineses 6, Unclassified 10, Cocker Spaniels 8, Puppies 6 to 12 months old 15, Litters of Puppies 4.

The judges appointed for the dog section are:—Capt. Osprey, Col. Butterworth, Commander Beckwith, Mr. F. J. McCarthy, and Mr. H. Birkett while Mrs. Dyer will be judge for the cat section.

SAMSHUI FIRE.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

SAMSHUI, March 5.

At about half-past four to-day, some soldiers playing football in a marsh on the waterfront, accidentally set the shed on fire. In a short time, many houses in the vicinity were involved, the conflagration assuming considerable dimensions. The soldiers, displaying callous indifference, did hardly anything beyond acting as spectators. Through the strenuous efforts of the customs staff, both foreign and native, the Post Office, a new building, was saved, but over one hundred houses were gutted. The damage is estimated at \$200,000.

The troop of Yunnan soldiers hi Canton at Samshui, are marching on Samshui, leaving behind a guard of about 100 strong.

Dummy, merely to amuse three vulgar men for whom I had no love. Previously, even when heatedly disputing with them over the play, I had loved them, thought them fine fellows. I talked of giving up Bridge.

More meditation showed me that we were all really as indifferent as the superior player said he was; but that we were in a conspiracy to pretend that we were not. Like happy children, we played and enjoyed a pretending game. We pretended that it mattered whether we paid out a dollar or received one. We successfully pretended that a successful re-double was a thing of thrilling beauty and a joy for ever. So long as we all "played the game," and all seemed to care very greatly and agree that the result really mattered, we enjoyed our Bridge. The "superior" man spoiled his own fun, and threatened ours.

It is so with life. We cannot take the Pessimist as partner and expect to enjoy it. The pessimist will irritate us. I find some justice in the quotation I set out to attack, since I am now aware that I get more fun, and am more cheerfully affected, by the man who gesticulates, who shows emotion, than by the man who poses as unemotional. In my intellectual core I am unemotional—life is a bumble-puppy game—and if I stayed there I would feel as lonely and cold as a naked man on an ice floe. In my heart (figuratively speaking) I am emotional. I determinedly walk up and warm my hands at the fire of life, beaming on such company as I find. I watch for a vacant seat in the card-room of life, and sit in eagerly. Whether my hands be good or bad, I gesticulate. I am excited. I forget that dreadfully low peak of intellect of which I had a terrifying glimpse. I dismiss it deliberately. I turn to my neighbor, grinning, ostentatiously cheerful, and I ask him (as one impatient to begin) "Whose deal is it?"

What Schopenhauer said of life, and my superior friend of Bridge, is alike true, terribly true, but we must never admit it. We must refuse to think of it. We must copy Sarah Baillie's devotion to the rigour of the game. Conquer les cartes, a'il vous plait.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE EDUCATION OF BRITISH CHILDREN.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—As the Chairman of the meeting to be held to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. at the City Hall for the consideration of the above important subject, it has become evident to me, as the result of a full consideration of the matter with some of those interested, that it is essential, to an orderly discussion of the above subject, and in order to arrive at some definite recommendations to lay before the Government, that certain resolutions should be brought before the meeting.

With the above end in view, I beg leave to submit the following resolutions (without prejudice) to any others which anybody at the meeting may desire to bring forward):—

1.—That kindergarten schools for children between the ages of 5 and 9 years be established, on the most modern methods, with specially trained kindergarten teachers in charge, at the Peak, Kowloon, Quarry Bay and Causeway Bay.

(All the following resolutions relate exclusively to children over the age of 9):—

2.—That it is essential that British boys and girls above the age of 9 should receive a better education in this Colony than at present.

3.—That such education should be of a sound and practical character which will fit such boys and girls to occupy useful positions when they grow up.

4.—That in order to avoid duplication of the teaching staff, a school for the co-education of boys and girls be established.

5.—That, for the purpose of subjecting them to the necessary training and discipline, it is desirable that the boys should be boarders and not day boys.

6.—That the staff at such school should, as regards teaching qualifications, approximate so far as possible to the present staff of Queen's College, and that continuity of staff, especially of the seniors, should be secured.

7.—That it is essential, in order to make such a school as is suggested a success, that parents should earnestly co-operate with the staff of the school in:

(1.)—Maintaining strict discipline over the boys and girls; and

(2.)—In securing the regular attendance of the boys and girls at school.

8.—That adequate playing grounds should be attached to the school and that the playing of games should be compulsory for boys.

Hoping that the above suggested resolutions, which are based to a considerable extent on the recommendations in the recent report of the Sub-Committee on Education, may, if they meet with support at to-morrow's meeting, be the means of inducing the Government to improve the education of British children in this Colony.—Yours, etc.,

H. E. POLLOCK.

P.S.—May I most strongly urge parents, and all those who are interested in education, to attend the above meeting. The best proof which they can give to the Government that they are in earnest on this question is by coming in large numbers. Permission has been given by the Government to Government servants to attend and speak at the meeting, and it is hoped that they take full advantage of such permission, as it is desired that the meeting should be as representative as possible.

Hongkong, March 7.

POLO.

THE NAVY CUP.

The Naval and Royal Marine Members of the Hongkong Polo Club have presented a very handsome cup to be played for annually by teams made up by handicaps as evenly matched as possible. Each team will play two chukkas against each other team and the cup is to be awarded to the team scoring most points.

The first competition will take place on Thursday 8th and Saturday 10th March—play to commence each day at 4.30.

The following are the teams:—

A Team:—Major Gen. Sir John Fowler (Capt), Lieut. Davies, Lieut. Dundas, V. Count Dunwich.

B Team:—Capt. Neville. (Capt), Capt. Meredith, Lieut. D'Arth, Surg. Lt. Carr, Biddle.

C Team:—J. Bartholomew (Capt), Lieut. Redding, L. Nelson, Lieut. Fleming.

D Team:—Capt. Fisher (Capt), J. G. Lyon, Dns. Crocker, Middleham Roberts.

E Team:—C. C. Boyd (Capt), H. C. Macnamara, Lieut. Previtt, Surg. Cmr. Lindop.

WEST RIVER EPISODE.

HOSPITAL LAUNCH FIRED ON.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Wuchow, March 6.

Dr. Leavell of the Stout Memorial Hospital, Wuchow, accompanied by his wife and daughter was proceeding up river on Monday afternoon on the hospital launch "Rosoloka." Near Nam Hong Has, below Tak Hing the launch met with heavy firing from the village. Dr. Leavell landed and demanded an apology from the commanding officer, pointing out that the launch was flying a Red Cross and the American flag. Subsequently, an apology was given and two armed launches were provided as an escort for the hospital launch.

VESSELS BEING SEARCHED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Samshui, March 6.

At Yuet Sing, a party of Kwangsi soldiers on the sternwheeler "Sainan" searches all vessels proceeding up river, but no reason has been given for the examination.

MARTIAL LAW RESCINDED.

According to the vernacular papers, the Canton officials have forbidden the forcible detention of West River steamers for search purposes and the Cantonese commanders at Tak Hing and Shui Hing together with the Yunnanese commander at Samshui have ordered the rescinding of martial law in their respective areas.

STOLEN OPIUM.

SIX CONSTABLES CHARGED.

A Sikh constable, Bhagat Singh was charged by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports at the Magistrate's office this morning together with Au-Yang Kang, an office coolie, with stealing one half of raw opium weighing 48 taels from the Opium Farm, Wanchai.

First defendant, who was on duty at the Farm, was taken into custody by Det. Sub-Inspector Cocker. The case was remanded till Friday.

THE DREAD UNKNOWN.

DANGER OF MEDDLING WITH SPIRITUALISM.

An earnest warning to nervous persons to avoid spiritualism is given by Dr. W. Stekel, the Viennese neurologist and psycho-therapist, in his work Conditions of Nervous Anxiety and Their Treatment. He says: "Every normal person knows that there are questions about which one cannot think; indeed, must not think I have often heard very wise and critical people say that they dare not meditate on the questions of 'infinity' or on 'time' and 'space'; otherwise something in the head threatens to go wrong."

Therefore all neurotics and all enthusiasts likely to be carried away by idle fancies, all who are by heredity disposed to psychosis, must be restrained from meddling with spiritualism and especially with spirit-writing.

It is a very venturesome thing unless one's inner being is established with absolute firmness to plunge deeply into spiritualism. Especially people who are divided within should be restrained from this dangerous sport. They may arise transitory symptoms of hysterical lunacy.

Several cases are given which came under Dr. Stekel's observation, in which hysteria or "loss of balance" resulted.

THE CHANGE SHE NEEDED.

Into the general store of a village in Virginia there came one day not long ago a diminutive darky, who laid upon the counter a single egg and said:—

"Bose, my mudder says, please give her a needle for dis egg."

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"No, Bose," continued the darky, "my mudder don't want two needles; she says, please give me de change in dis egg."

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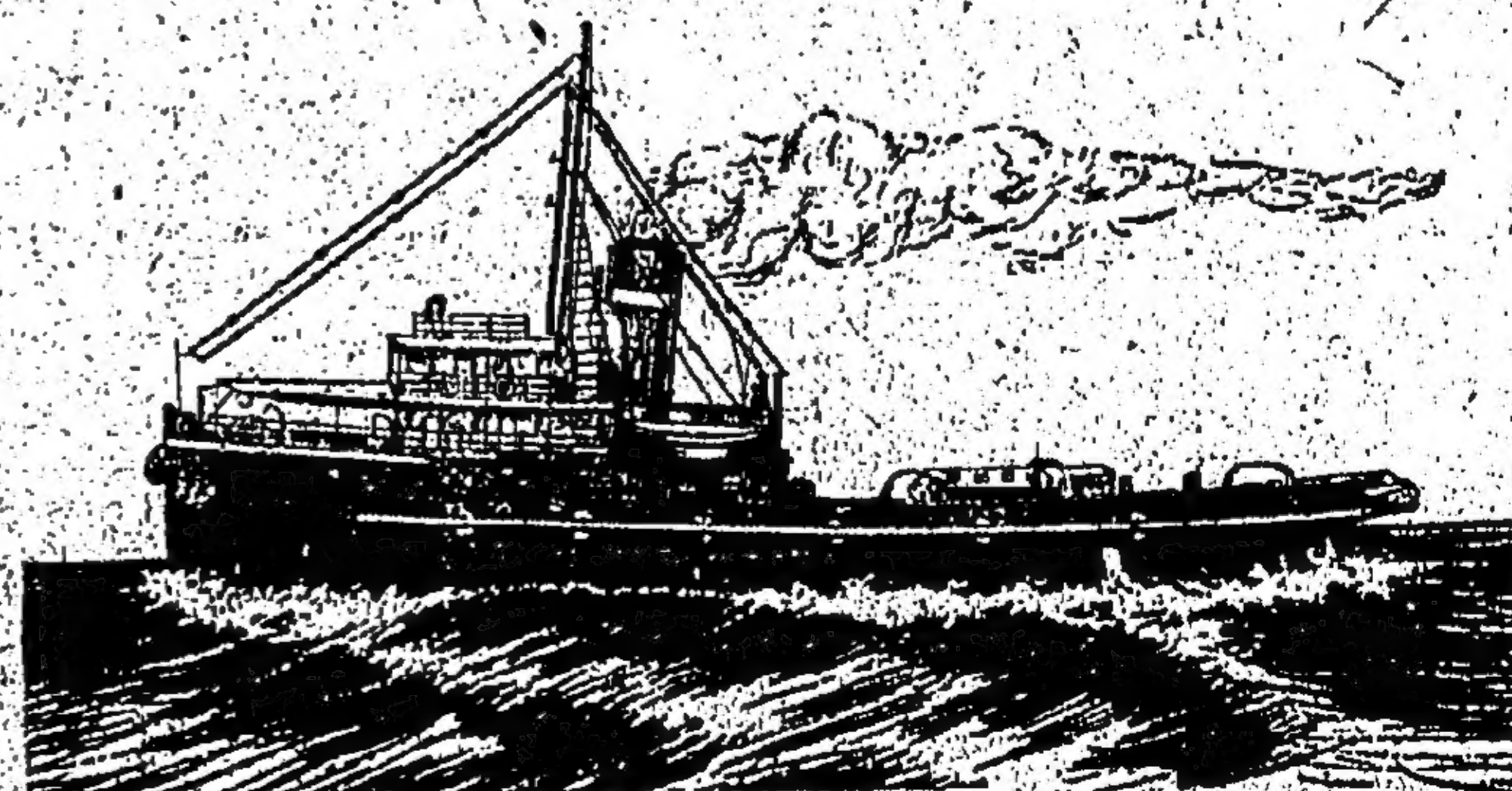
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Very little was known of the hairnet industry in China until recent years when it assumed an abnormal "big nose." The industry was first started in Shanghai by the Germans, who realized the enormous possibilities of cheap labour and the quantity of human hair available in this country during the days of the Manchus. It has been said that the source of supply of hairnets made in Shanghai was kept a secret until a London buyer accidentally discovered in a package of hairnets some Chinese characters. Once the source of supply became known, competition became very keen, German firms that had started the business, and had hitherto dominated it exclusively, began to find foreign competitors who sent their representatives out to China to engage in the same industry.

Tientsin, and after the world-war, Chefoo, became the principal ports of export for hairnets. In the latter port, thousands of workmen were seen daily attending to their work. Chinese female servants, who formerly could be employed at from two to three dollars per month, would not now do household work, which in Chinese homes lasts from early morn until late at night, as they could easily earn from \$12 to \$15 a month for making hairnets, and work a few number of hours. When the industry was in its prosperous days, it is estimated that some thirty million dollars' worth of hairnets were exported annually from various points in China, chiefly from Chefoo, Tientsin, and Shanghai.

The industry was threatened at various times by reckless handling on the part of exporters, by bad legislation on the part of the Chinese Government, and by careless packing. The trade requires 90 per cent. of perfect nets upon arrival at destination. In 1920-1922, the demand in the United States was so great that exporters shipped over enormous quantities which turned out to be defective upon arrival, with but 40 to 45 per cent. of perfect nets, with the result that large sums of money were lost and huge quantities of the nets being thrown on the market.

For sometime the "bobbing" of the hair of girls in America has helped to depress the business, and the trade in America is said to have spent thousands of dollars in propaganda work in order to retain the business by urging women not to indulge in such foolishness as "bobbing" of hair. If they succeed in arresting this "bobbing" craze on the part of American women, they will help considerably in maintaining the trade in hairnets.

From the very beginning, the Chinese Government levied little or no tax on the industry, but last year, owing to an empty treasury, a suggestion on the part of the Government to levy a heavy tax was mentioned.

Since the slump in New York in 1921, business along this line has become stagnant, and hundreds of dealers and manufacturers have had to close down. During the past few months, exports from China have picked up a little, but it will take considerable time to revive the trade in hairnets—at any rate not before the anti-"bobbing" propaganda succeeds in reawakening the interest of women in the charms of a perfect coiffure.

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INTERPORT ROWING.

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It is unfortunate for Shanghai (says the N.C. Daily News) that the invitation was not sent earlier. The local four will scarcely have had five weeks in which to get together, which is not nearly long enough for them to do justice to themselves as a crew. They have not rowed together as a crew prior to the present training, yet it is surprising to find them adapting themselves one to another in the short time they have already had for practice.

To do full justice to an event so important as an interport race in four, at least three months' rigorous training is required to attain anything like a high standard of seamanship, especially when it is realized that in this time fully a month should be devoted to pair-oar training on fixed seats. Owing to the very limited time for practice, the crew have had to do work in pairs during the early morning or at tiffin time, as well as going out in their four at 5 p.m. to battle with the choppy, broken waters of the Huangpu. Nowadays there is hardly a tolerable stretch of calm water to be found on the river on which a crew can settle down to do any serious rowing.

During the last week-end the crew travelled to Heili, where, despite a fairly strong northerly wind, some good practice was done. Considerable progress was noticeable. As the crew sat in their narrowest boat they were nevertheless inclined to hasten forward on their sides independently which caused their beginning to be irregular and lacking in firmness.

The first four to go out were: Schlobohm (stroke), E. S. J. Phillips (3), R. J. Collar (2) and Schweizer (bow). In respect of their blade work they managed to keep fairly well together, but were much too slow at recovery, at times much too quick forward with their slides, and irregular in their body swing. Some of the crew carry on the swing too far, while others do not get back far enough. Those that lean too far have the tendency to hang at the finish of the stroke, and those who sit too erect when the slide is at the backstops have the common fault of bringing the arm to work too soon into action, thus causing their blades to leave the water before the stroke has been properly and evenly pulled through and the shoulders rowed back.

Another combination tried at Heili was the following: Schlobohm (stroke), J. B. Brown (3), Collar (2), and Schweizer (bow). Beyond the boat being apparently more lively and quicker on the catch, there was no difference in its pace through the water.

In the pair event at Hongkong, Shanghai will be represented by Schlobohm and Collar, and in the half mile race in tub sculls by Schweizer.

tion of the lethal weapons thus imported do come across the Pacific, there is a lot of this kind of smuggling—far more than most people imagine—carried out on ships that come from the ports of Western Europe; and it is these vessels that require quite as much vigilance from the Customs authorities as do those from North America. With the currency of some European countries at a very low ebb, pistols and ammunition can be purchased at ridiculously cheap prices in Far Eastern currency, and we believe it is not uncommon for a gun-runner to get arms from Europe, making as much as 900 or 1,000 per cent. profit, and then sell them in China at a price not considered unreasonable by the purchasers.

Chinese themselves are now realizing that every gun smuggled into the country may constitute a nail in China's national coffin. A country not possessing the elements of law and order can never prosper, and so long as the promiscuous importation of arms and ammunition into China continues, so long will China be in a condition of internal chaos and economic disorganization. Hongkong has set an admirable lead in the manner of dealing with smugglers of arms, showing, and rightly, no more consideration for the foreigner than for the Chinese; and if the various foreign authorities at the big ports of China, Shanghai especially, would adopt measures equally stern, if not more so, and if the Customs authorities of all grades were to become even keener on the subject than they are at present, the result would be an almost immediate betterment of a situation which, as we have already stated, is not merely a Chinese scandal, but an international one.

CANTON CRIME.

ARMED ROBBERIES PRE-
VALENT.

Hongkong does not seem to have a monopoly of armed robberies. In Canton, where this class of offence usually meets with capital punishment, occasions are rare of armed desperadoes entering houses and holding up inmates, but within the last week, three armed robberies have been reported, two in the old city and one in the western suburb. In each case the robbers got away with booty to the value of over \$1,000.

PACKING OF PIGS.

JUNK MASTER FINED.

Mr. W. J. E. Mackenzie, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon giving evidence in the cruelty to pigs case this morning said that he would not have allowed the pigs to be carried in the manner described. They should have been placed in crates and stacked two high and not made to lie on their backs.

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RUBBER ROADS FOR LONDON.

AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

A severe test of the efficacy of rubber as a road-covering is being made by the Holborn Borough Council, who are laying a section of Little St. Andrew-street, where it joins St. Martin's-lane, with blocks of a special hard rubber composition. Four hundred vehicles an hour pass through the street, so that the site for the experiment has been well chosen.

Some three years ago a similar test was made by the Southwark Borough Council, who paved a portion of one of their streets with a rubber composition, and considerable knowledge was gained from the experiment. For a variety of reasons the early trials were admittedly not sufficiently successful, and in the latest type of block it is hoped that the drawbacks then encountered have been overcome. The blocks now being used have a surface of eight inches by four, the depth being three inches. Upon a vulcanite base is a five-eighth inch layer of rubber compound, containing 33 per cent. of pure rubber. This, it is claimed, is neither too soft nor too hard, and is not affected by oil from motors, sun, rain, snow or refuse. The blocks are laid with pitch on a concrete foundation; the sides being grooved so as to interlock.

In some former experiments it was found that with wear the surface tended to peel off, and so to prevent this lamination the new blocks are not made in layers, but by an entirely different process. The advantages claimed on behalf of a road surfaced with these blocks, are that it is noiseless, that with it there is no slipping of horses or pedestrians or skidding of motor-vehicles, that it makes no dust, and is easily cleaned, and is therefore sanitary.

The blocks have been made by the Leyland and Birmingham Rubber Co., for Rubber Roadways, Ltd., and are being laid at the expense of the Borough Council, who are making a further experiment in the same street, but in this case the rubber surface of the block being superimposed on a concrete base. In both cases the price is the same, namely, £4 per square yard, as compared with 11s. to 12s. 6d. per square yard for wood. This high cost is a tremendous disadvantage, even taking into account that the life of the rubber would be far greater than that of the wood. The result of this enterprising experiment will be watched with considerable interest by the other Borough Councils, and should decide the question as to whether rubber is ever likely to be a reliable substitute for wood paving.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

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Anjou, (Wing Tai) from Kiangang.—Co's Wharf.
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Chili, (B. & S.) from Saigon.—OR Stonecutters.
C. P. Lecocq, (M.M. Cie) from Shanghai.—A10.
Banks, (J. Manne) from Bangkok.—C41.
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Honolulu Maru, (O.S.K.) from Yokohama, Shanghai.—Wharf.
Amakusa Maru, (O.S.K.) from Keelung, Swatow.—Wharf.
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DEPARTURES.

Hang Sang, (J. M. & Co.) for Bangkok, Swatow.—March 7.
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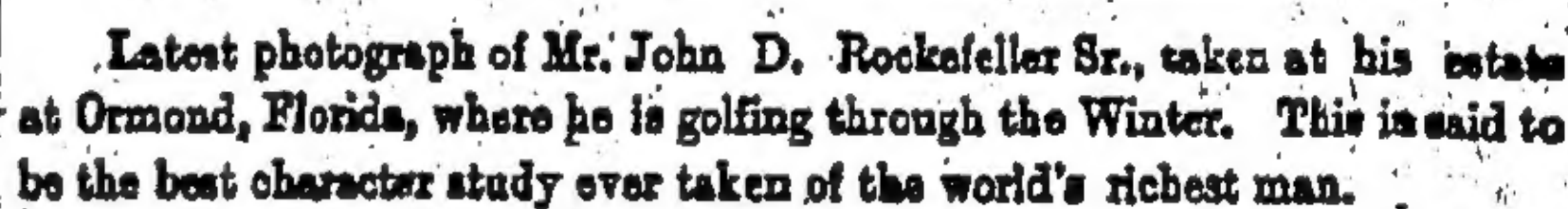
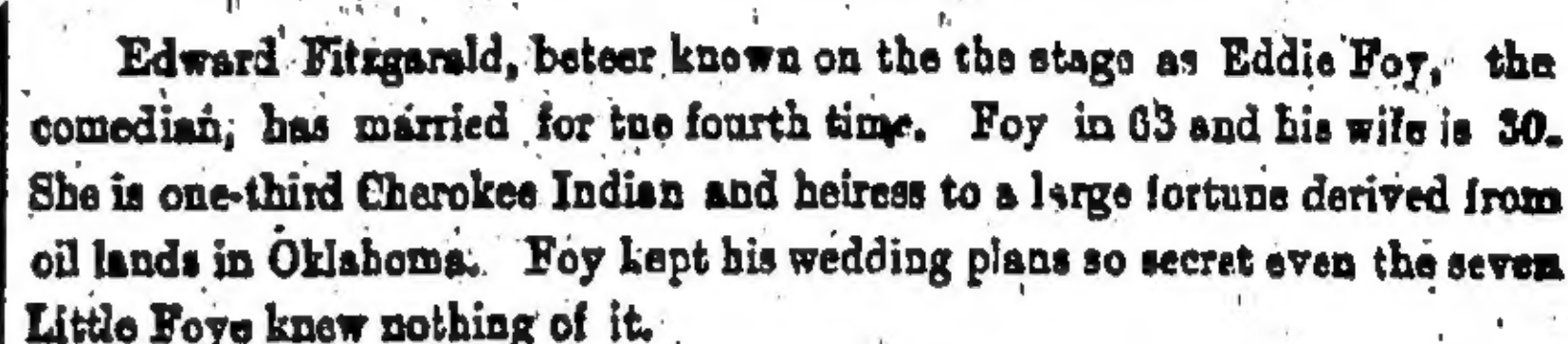
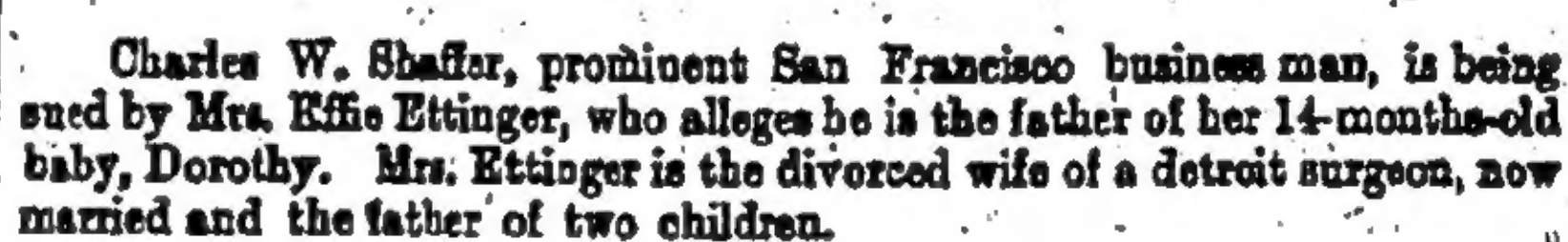
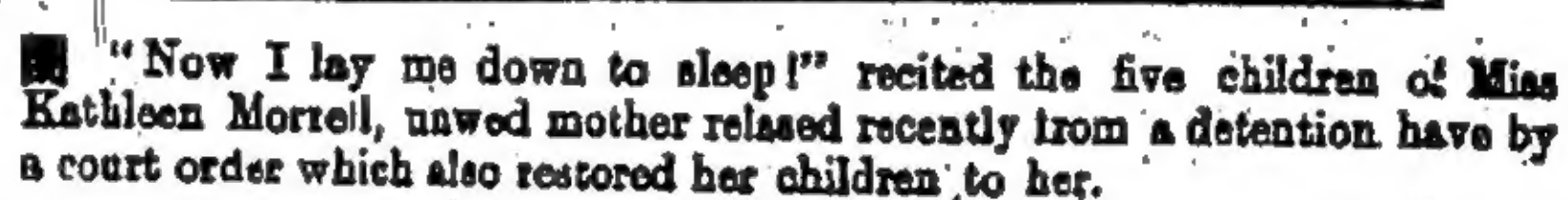
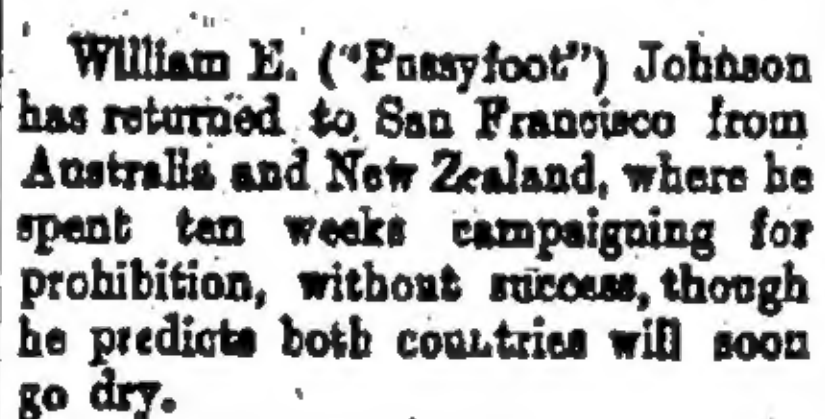
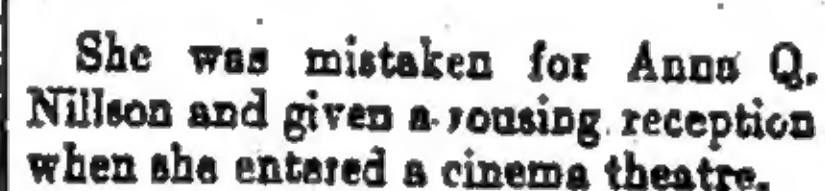
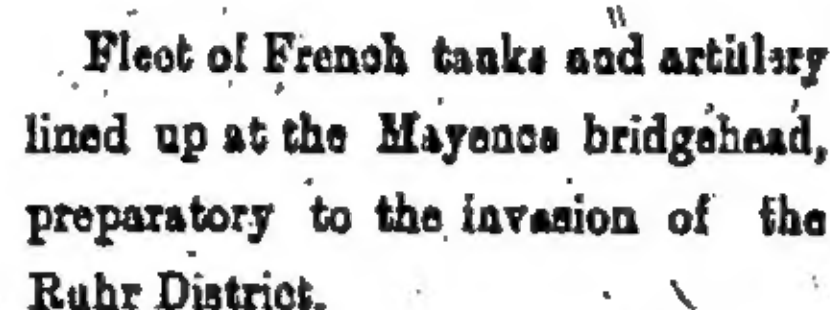
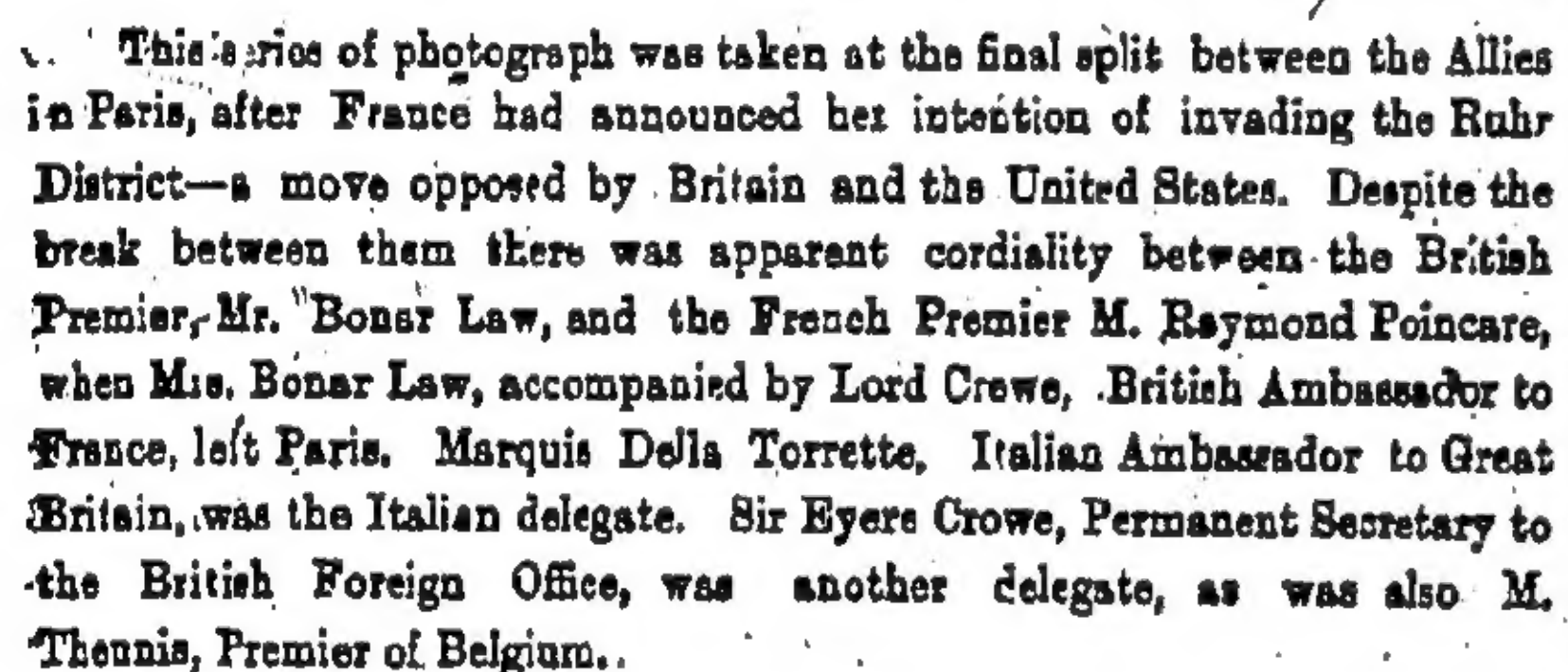
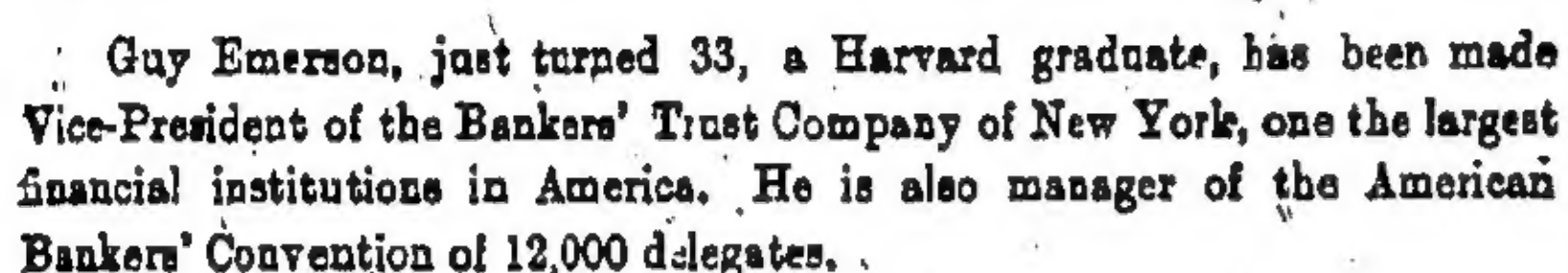
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HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been
compiled from the Station Almanac Office
in London from the results of the observa-
tions taken by means of an auto-
matic tide-recording machine in the
Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui
during the years 1905-9.
The zero of the table corresponds with
the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty
Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet
below mean sea-level.
To obtain the depth of water on the
date given at the Victoria Naval Yard
add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge
at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet
4 inches to the depths given in the table.

March 3 to 9 1923.											
HIGH WATER						LOW WATER					
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Thu.	6	10 35		8.2		Fri.	6	10 32		8.3	2.0
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SOME RECENT STATISTICS.

Persons to reach the age of 90 years
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according to a home paper, are 303,
the women being rather more than
twice as many as the men. There
have been thirty-six centenarians.
The exactly recorded ages of men and
animals are usually much shorter than
the maximum duration of life assigned
in popular belief. No valid evidence
supports the authenticity of claims
such as that made for Thomas Parr,
the Shropshire peasant, of having
reached his 153rd year, and any cases
of exceeding the century by more
than two or three years are dubious.

A century must be taken as the
utmost span of life which any human
being can hope at present to achieve.
But that is twenty years more than
"four-score" of the beautiful psalm
in the Burial Service, and evidence
based on wider statistics shows that
increasing numbers of the modern
population attain it. Metchnikoff, in-
deed, believed that better conditions,
more prudent habits, and the conquest
of diseases by science might come to
keep the human body and mind strong
and healthy to an age still greater,
and that then a natural instinct would
acquiesce in the coming of death as
readily as youth now accepts the
coming of maturity. Such optimism,
however, is still for the future; for the
few who attain it, great age is more
often but labour and sorrow. What
is of more concern to most of us is
that the average longevity, the broad-
based expectation of life of insurance
statistics, is continuously expanding.
The average and not the unusual
governs the life of men and beasts,
and in particular that part of it
relating to marriage and the family
care, Weissmann held the theory that
the duration of life was adjusted by
natural selection to the rate of
reproduction so that, while creatures
like the elephant, which breed slowly,
lived long to secure the maintenance
of the species, those like rats, which
bred rapidly, required only short
lives. A more recent interpretation,
however, holds that the rate of
reproduction is the more valuable
factor and is turned to the
average expectation of life. But on
the one theory or the other, there
may be a close connection between
the greater expectation of human life
under modern conditions and the pos-
sibility of reduction in the average num-
ber of children. The suggestion may be
commended of students of vital statis-
tics. But if most of us are to have more
of life and a few much more of it, is
the gift worth having? The days and the
years of modern life are more moved
than in any other age, and yet possi-
bly even because of the increase of ex-
periences, they seem shorter. The
period of the war was tulle for all
who lived through it than any other
time of their lives, and yet the begin-
ning and the end have closed like the
pages of a book. Life, indeed, seems
shorter the more intensely it is lived.

A notice of interest to creditors
of the Peak Hospital, Ltd. in
liquidation appears in the adver-
tisement columns.

In the King's Bench Division Mr.
Harold Thomas, of Walthamstow, was
awarded £250 damages against Mr.
Albert E. Proctor, of Walthamstow,
for the loss of an eye as a result of a
fight with Proctor in a public-house.

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